



Executive Summary
Freedom Convoy 2022 - Canada Unity

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Leading up to the downtown Ottawa core occupation, the Protective Intelligence Unit (PIU) briefed Protective Policing and external stakeholders of the evolution of CANADA UNITY rallies (December 2021) into the FREEDOM CONVOY (February, 2022). The briefs focused on any potential impacts towards the RCMP's protective policing mandate to provide officer awareness and assist protective decision-makers in assessing and establishing scalable security measures. The information comprised within the intelligence briefs derived from online reporting and sharing of information amongst the law enforcement community.

CANADA UNITY AND OPERATION BEAR HUG

The group CANADA UNITY represents a coalition of Concerned Canadian Citizens who have as a common goal to oppose government public health measures due to COVID-19. This group organized various demonstrations throughout Ontario in the last two years during the global pandemic.

In December 2021, the RCMP and partners were aware of the CANADA UNITY group's planned rallies in downtown Ottawa and protected sites from December 5-10, 2021 (City Hall, Parliament Hill, Confederation Park and the CBC building).

On December 9, 2021, the CANADA UNITY protest in front of 24 Sussex drive caused disruption and traffic in the area due to approximately 20-30 vehicles involved in the convoy. The protest was disruptive but ended without incident.

FREEDOM CONVOY, also known as OPERATION BEAR HUG 2.0.

The enforcement of the new vaccine mandate on January 15th, 2022 by the Government where Canadian truckers must show proof of vaccination was met by significant opposition, which resulted in the organization of the FREEDOM CONVOY 2022, also known as OPERATION BEAR HUG 2.0.

This also led to **Personal** and **Personal** GoFundMe page creation on 2022-01-15 for the FREEDOM CONVOY 2022 and Convoy organizers announced their plan to travel to Ottawa. Within 48 hours, significant financial contributions were observed (\$150k) to the cause. (PPS reporting)

Significant financial contributions continued to be made to the 2022 FREEDOM CONVOY GoFundMe page where within 10 days by 2022-01-26 it was at over \$5.1 million.

As early as 2022-01-18, open source reporting indicated that truckers and supporters planned to block Parliament Hill. By January 20th, 2022 three routes (from Prince Rupert, BC, PEI, and Windsor, ON) were set where the convoys would converge in Ottawa on January 28-29, 2022. The plan to protest around

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Parliament Hill and slow down traffic in the downtown core Ottawa area was mainly taking place on January 29, 2022.

On January 24, 2022, PIU briefs National Division's executive management on the totality of information/intelligence collected leading up to the FREEDOM CONVOY's arrival in Ottawa and the projected disruptions and possible impact on the protective mandate.

On January 26, 2022, National Division's Commanding Officer requested PIU to lift the Combined Intelligence Group (CIG) comprised of key intelligence community stakeholders representing their respective agencies. The CIG ensured timely sharing of information amongst all law enforcement stakeholders affected by the Freedom Convoy and the activation remained in place from 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-27.

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